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Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.

**The Detroit News: Judge halts cuts to Worthy's office; Lawsuit says reduced funding will force layoffs, boost crime**

"A Wayne County judge has issued a temporary restraining order halting budget cuts to Prosecutor Kym Worthy's Office. Wayne County Circuit Judge Wendy Baxter ordered no cuts or layoffs be made until at least Oct. 16, when Baxter will consider an injunction request."

[Full story](#)

**Also see:**

**Detroit Free Press: Judge bars Robert Ficano's effort to slash millions in funding for Wayne County Prosecutor's Office**

[Full story](#)

**Detroit Free Press: Wayne County board files brief to make sure pending court decision on Macomb County doesn't affect the way it does business**

"The Wayne County Board of Commissioners wants to make sure that it doesn't feel the fallout from a legal dispute between officials in neighboring Macomb County that has made its way to the Michigan Court of Appeals."

[Full story](#)

**The Detroit News: Letter: Roman Gribbs: Prop. 3 bad for Michigan**

Retired Michigan Court of Appeals Judge Roman S. Gribbs writes "As a student of the law for more than 55 years and someone who has been actually involved in governmental matters for decades, I am watching the ballot proposals with great concern. I strongly oppose Proposal 3."

[Full story](#)

**The Detroit News: Macomb offices, courts closed on Columbus Day (third article)**

"Macomb County government offices and courts will be closed Friday for an employee furlough day and Oct. 8 in observance of Columbus Day. Emergency services and 24-hour operations will not be affected. County offices and courts will open at 8:30 a.m. Oct. 9."

[Full story](#)

**Detroit Free Press: Now, getting a ticket won't cost you as much for certain driving offenses**

"... As of Monday, Michigan has eliminated driver responsibility fees for minor violations, such as driving without a license or without proof of insurance. Anyone charged a driver responsibility fee before Monday, however, still has to pay."

[Full story](#)

**The Daily Tribune: 'Four strikes' law to take effect in Michigan**

"A new 'four strikes' law that mandates a 25-year sentence for violent offenders was heralded by government officials as key to fighting crime but called unnecessary and hand-tying by a criminal defense attorney.... [Attorney Margaret Raben] said she believes the law will result in more criminal defendants forcing a trial because prosecutors and judges won't have the flexibility to agree to a sentence less than 25 years as part of a plea deal."

[Full story](#)

**Note: The Daily Tribune article also ran in the Macomb Daily.**

***Also see:***

**Michigan Radio/Ann Arbor: Felons with "four strikes" now face at least 25 years**

[Full story](#)

**WKAR News/East Lansing: New Law Puts Four-Time Felons Behind Bars for 25 Years**

[Full story](#)

**Detroit Legal News: Justice Kelly honored as 'Woman of the Year'**

"Michigan Supreme Court Justice Marilyn Kelly has been named 'Woman of the Year' by Michigan Lawyers Weekly. Lawyers Weekly made the announcement at its annual 'Women in the Law' awards ceremony in Troy on Sept. 27."

[Full story](#)

***Also see:***

**JUSTICE MARILYN KELLY NAMED "WOMAN OF THE YEAR" BY MICHIGAN LAWYERS WEEKLY**

[Press release](#)

**Detroit Legal News: UDM Law holds Centennial Red Mass**

"The custom of a special religious ceremony for all members of the bench and bar at the opening of each term of the court arose principally in England, France, and Italy in the early 13th century. UDM's annual Red Mass dates back to 1877 when Detroit College, as the University was then known, began its first year with a mass at Saints Peter and Paul Church to ask the blessings of the Holy Spirit on the coming year's work."

[Full story](#)

**Dowagiac Daily News: Family treatment court receives \$300K grant**

"The Cass County Family Court has received a \$300,000 grant to serve parents who have concurrent criminal and family treatment court cases heard by the Honorable Judge Susan L. Dobrich. The two-year grant from the U.S. Department of Justice is provided under the Second Chance Act Family-Based Adult Offender Substance Abuse Treatment Program."

[Full story](#)

**Flint Journal: Genesee Circuit judge responsible for child not biologically his, attorney claims**

"Flint attorney Denise Ketchmark says Genesee Circuit Judge Archie Hayman is the biological father of just one of her two children but is responsible for both because he signed affidavits of paternity for each. Ketchmark sued Hayman for child support and damages last month, saying the judge had failed to support her two children -- born during a 19-year relationship when the judge was her only sexual partner."

[Full story](#)

**The Herald Palladium/St. Joseph: Judge to BH school board member: Stay away from woman**

"A Benton Harbor Area Schools board member on Monday lost his attempt to have a personal protection order against him lifted.... In Berrien County Trial Court Monday, Judge Thomas Nelson ruled that the PPO stands."

[Full story](#)

**The Macomb Daily: Power outage closes Warren City Hall, court**

"A power outage in downtown [Monday] Warren has forced the closure of City Hall and 37th District Court, but the police department is continuing to function with emergency generators providing electricity.... John Chmura, chief judge of the court, said he sent the staff home for the afternoon after learning power probably wouldn't be restored until later in the day."

[Full story](#)

### **The Michigan Lawyer Blog: Campaign finance controversy hits Oakland judicial race**

"... The groups paying for the ads are 'Americans for Job Security' and 'Judicial Crisis Network.' Of the five judges running for re-election, the ads seem to be specifically targeting Oakland Circuit Judge Phyllis McMillen. Three of the other four judges were appointed by John Engler. The fifth judge, Leo Bowman, was appointed by Jennifer Granholm."

[Full story](#)

### **MLive.com: Lansing judges, lawyers blessed at Red Mass**

"... Michigan Supreme Court Justice Michael Cavanagh, and Lansing District Court judges Frank DeLuca and Charles Filice, attended the Mass. Cavanagh led the Lawyer's Oath of Commitment, which promises to uphold the Constitution, never to mislead a judge of jury, to only accept compensation with the client's knowledge and approval and to uphold the high standard imposed on members of the bar, among other things."

[Full story](#)

### **Oakland County Legal News: 'An Evening with the Jurists' presented Oct. 17**

"The Incorporated Society of Irish American Lawyers in conjunction with the Hellenic Bar Association and the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law are pleased to present 'An Evening with the Jurists' on Wednesday, Oct. 17, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the University of Detroit Mercy Law School Atrium, 651 E. Jefferson Avenue in Detroit."

[Full story](#)

### **Times Herald/Port Huron: Judge: Give Grissom new trial; Lane says new evidence makes Ylen's sex assault testimony 'unbelievable'**

"St. Clair County Circuit Judge Cynthia Lane has recommended a new trial for a man imprisoned for rape in 2003.... [James Grissom] appealed to the state Supreme Court, which directed Lane to examine whether evidence not presented at his trial might have produced a different outcome. Grissom's appeal, and that evidence, focuses on the believability of the woman's testimony."

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